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- 1. The Czech Army Observation Service (Hlasna Sluzba Csl. Armady-HS) is charged with the observation of air activity over the country. It was formerly subject to the Air Coordination Department (Letecke Spojovaci Oddily) and its members, therefore, wore grey-blue uniforms similar to Air Force uniforms. It is now subordinate to Anti-Aircraft Defense and HS members war khaki uniforms.
- 2. RS units were pre-fously located largely in border areas. Recently they have been deployed more e enly. Units are now supposed to be spread all over the country, or hills, in such a way that the next observation post is visibe. The distances between posts are, therefore, variable, running up to a maximum as much as 30 miles.
- 3. An HS post consists of five men. They are equipped with listening devices, a flightmeter (measuring instrument of Czech manufacture), telephone, transmitter, and binoculars. They are armed with pistols and a light machine gun, either a Zbrojovka 26 or a German MG-42.
- 4. HS posts in the border areas are prohibited even to the Border Guards (Pohranicni Strac-PS). An area 100 meters around the post is known as the "death area" and is protected by various automatic devices. A number of guard posts lie directly on hills on the Czech-German border. They are assigned to watch air traffic on the other side of the border.
- The HS's higher headquarters is the Observation Service Station (Stanice Hlusne Sluzby-SES). SES stations, located at various airports, receive reports from 15-Operacni Sal-LOS) in Goely (N 48-43, E 17-08). Well-known SES stations are located at Stribro (N 49-45, E 13-22), Pilsen (N49-45, E 13-22), Ceske Budejovice N 48-59, E 14-23), and Klatovy (N 49-24, E 13-18).

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